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### Newport News Drug Dealer Pleads Guilty

**(Newport News, VA)** - Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Ricky Frink, age 26, of Newport News, Virginia, pleaded guilty today in United States District Court in Norfolk, to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute in excess of 50 grams of a mixture and substance containing cocaine base and using and possessing a firearm in relation to and in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. On the conspiracy charge, Frink faces a mandatory minimum term of ten years to a maximum prison term of life imprisonment and a fine of \$4 million dollars. Frink faces an additional mandatory consecutive prison term of 10 years to a maximum prison term of life on the firearms violation. The Honorable Rebecca Beach Smith, United States District Judge, has scheduled Frink's sentencing for July 11, 2006.

From July 1, 1999, through January 29, 2006, Ricky Frink participated in a conspiracy involving the distribution of crack cocaine in Newport News, Virginia. According to the indictment, during the existence of the conspiracy, Frink distributed and possessed with intent to distribute in excess of 1000 grams of crack cocaine. The indictment describes the various locations in Newport News where Frink distributed crack cocaine including the 800 Block of 36<sup>th</sup> Street, the 600 Blocks of 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Streets, and the 400 block of Madison Avenue. The indictment also states that during the course of the conspiracy Frink possessed and carried various handguns and firearms.

United States Attorney Chuck Rosenberg said: "The United States Attorney's Office is committed to prosecuting armed drug dealers to the fullest extent of the law. We will make our community a safer place to live and work."

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Newport News Police Department, with the support of the Newport News Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. Assistant United States Attorney Howard J. Zlotnick and Special Assistant United States Attorney Jessica Norris prosecuted the case for the United States.

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